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302.09.04 DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Disaster Assistance includes assistance received from the following sources:

- The Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (PL 100-707)
- Another federal statute because of a presidentially-declared major disaster
- A state or local government's comparable assistance
- A disaster assistance organization

If the disaster assistance funds are excluded from income, the unspent amount is also excluded from resources. Interest earned on funds excluded in this provision is excluded from income and resources.

302.09.05 PRESIDENTIALLY-DECLARED MAJOR DISASTERS

Some catastrophes (such as hurricanes) cause such wide-spread destruction that the President of the United States declares them major disasters. Effective 2/25/96, the exclusion period may be extended for individuals who incurred damage or loss of excluded resources under certain circumstances.

The 18-month period (9-month initial period plus the 9-month good cause extension) may be extended up to an additional 12 months. Such an extension may be granted if:

- The excluded resource is located within the geographical area of the disaster area (this area is defined in the presidential order)
- The individual intends to repair or replace the excluded resource
- The individual presents evidence of good cause

302.09.06 NETHERLAND WUV PAYMENTS TO VICTIMS OF PERSECUTION

The Netherlands Act on Benefits for Victims of Persecution 1940 – 1945, WUV (Wet Uitkering Vervolgingslachtoffers) provides payments to individuals who were victims of persecution during World War I during German and Japanese occupation of the Netherlands and the Netherlands East Indies (now the Republic of Indonesia). The unspent WUV payments made by the Dutch government are excluded from resources and the interest earned on unspent WUV payments is excluded from income.